**In the Specification:**

On page 1, replace the paragraph on lines 4-9 with the following paragraph:

--Cross-reference is made to U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/574,270, entitled "Assist Channel Coding With Vertical Block Error Correction", 09/574,274, entitled "Assist Channel Coding With Convolution Coding", and 09/574,406, entitled "Assist Channel Coding Using A Rewrite Model", which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

On page 16, line 30, delete "09/EEE,EEE" and insert therefor --09/570,730--.

On page 17, line 1, delete "(Attorney Docket No. D/99463)".

On page 17, line 1, delete "09/FFF,FFF" and insert therefor --09/569,531--.

On page 17, line 3, delete "(Attorney Docket No. D/99464)".

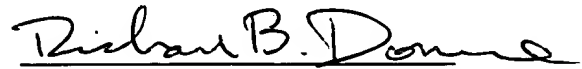On page 17, line 3, delete "09/GGG,GGG" and insert therefor --09/570,004--.

On page 17, line 5, delete "(Attorney Docket No. D/99466)".

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to examination for the purposes adding serial numbers not available at the time of filing.

In the event the Examiner considers a personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is hereby requested to call Attorney for Applicant(s), Thomas Zell.

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